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Burbank et al

**For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SECURING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS  
TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A  
PATIENT'S BODY**

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